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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT: ASTP LAUNCH VISITS

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1. FOLLOWING JULY 10 DELIVERY OF EMBASSY LETTER TO KOTEL'NIKOV (SEE REFTEL), VERESHCHETIN STATED TO LOEBNER THAT WHILE DECISION ON REQUEST NOT IN HIS HANDS, HE WOULD LIKE OFFER UNOFFICIAL PERSONAL COMMENTS.
2. VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT SHAPLEY'S JULY VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS FIRST RAISED UNOFFICIALLY DURING DR. LOW'S MAY VISIT TO MOSCOW, AND THAT OFFICIAL REQUEST RECEIVED IN JUNE FROM NASA WAS LIMITED TO VISITS AT ASTP PRESS CENTER, MISSION CONTROL CENTER, AND STAR CITY. VERESHCHETIN NOTED INTERKOSMOS AGREED TO ALL LOCATIONS ON THE REQUEST AND THAT INTERKOSMOS DID NOT RESPOND WITH REQUEST OF RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATIONS TO NASA.
3. VERESHCHETIN INQUIRED WHY NASA ITSELF IS NOT MAKING THIS NEW REQUEST FOR BAILONUR VISIT DIRECTLY TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. SCICOUNS REPLIED THAT WE ARE MAKING THIS REQUEST ON BEHALF OF NASA.
4. SCICOUNS FURTHER REITERATED STATEMENT IN EMBASSY LETTER THAT

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON INDICATED THAT SIX SOVIET

OFFICIALS WERE GOING TO WITNESS APOLLO LAUNCH AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER.

5. VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT HE HAD STRONG DOUBTS ABOUT THE CORRECTNESS OF THIS INFORMATION AND, EVEN IF IT WERE TRUE, A LAWYER COULD ARGUE THAT THESE WERE EMBASSY OFFICIALS, WHICH SHAPLEY IS NOT.

6. SCICOUNS RESPONDED THAT THESE SOVEMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE ALL PERSONAL GUESTS OF MR. FLETCHER AND THAT MR. SHAPLEY WAS FLETCHER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

7. IN CONCLUSION, VERESHCHETIN REITERATED THAT MATTER NOT IN HIS HANDS AND THAT ANSWER WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.
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